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MENT OF NOVEMBER CIEC SESSIONS

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1. COMMISSION OFFICIALS CASPARI OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND
NICOLAI OF INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS INFORMED MISSION OFFICER OF
RESULTS OF EC "BRAINSTORMING" SESSION IN PREPARATION FOR
NOVEMBER CIEC SESSIONS. MEMBER STATE CIEC OFFICIALS CON-
SIDERED A NUMBER OF COMMISSION PROPOSED CONCESSIONS (SEE
REFTELS), BUT NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. MISSION IS
REPORTING BY SEPTEL DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSION. AS INDICATED
BY REFS B AND C, FRG REPRESENTATIVE AMBASSADOR
ROBERT TOLD THE MEETING THAT THE FRG HAD DECIDED TO
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PLACE A GENERAL RESERVE ON ALL CIEC DECISIONS UNTIL THE

NOVEMBER 29-30 EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS. THIS MEANS THAT THE FRG WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS THAT THE NOVEMBER 15-16 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE ON COMMISSION CIEC PROPOSALS.

2. CASPARI SAYS THAT DUTCH AND COMMISSION OFFICIALS SUCH AS WELLENSTEIN, NICOLAI AND HIMSELF ARE CONVINCED THAT THE G-8 MUST MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS AT THE NEXT CIEC SESSIONS TO AVOID A BREAKDOWN OF THE DIALOGUE. IF NOT, THEY BELIEVE THE G-19 WILL REFUSE TO HOLD THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING.

3. IN LIGHT OF THE FRG DECISION TO DELAY DECISIONS, COMMISSION OFFICIALS INTEND TO PROPOSE TO THE NOVEMBER 11 COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES DELAYING THE NOVEMBER CIEC SESSIONS UNTIL ABOUT DECEMBER 2. IN TURN, THE CIEC DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD ALSO BE DELAYED BY ABOUT ONE WEEK. THE FULL COMMISSION IS CURRENTLY DISCUSSING THIS PROPOSAL AND HOW IT MIGHT PERSUADE THE FRG TO LIFT ITS GENERAL RESERVATION ON NEW CIEC INITIATIVES. SEVERAL COMMISSION OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT AT THIS LATE HOUR IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO POSTPONE THE NOVEMBER SESSIONS AND, IN FACT, OTHER PARTICIPATNS WOULD PROBABLY NOT AGREE TO DO SO.

4. PERMDEL OFFICIALS SAY THAT AT THE "BRAINSTORMING" SESSION THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE MEMBER STATES OTHER THAN THE FRG AND COMMISSION OFFICIALS THAT THE FRG RESERVATION WOULD NECESSITATE A POSTPONEMENT OF THE NOVEMBER CIEC SESSIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THESE OFFICIALS SAY THAT THE EC AT THIS LATE HOUR COULD NOT PRACTICALLY REQUEST SUCH A POSTPONEMENT. THEY CONCLUDE THAT THE COMMISSION POSTPONEMENT PROPOSAL IS PRIMARILY A TACTICAL MANEUVER TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE FRG TO LIFT ITS RESERVATION.HINTON

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